



Message sent from Olathe Public Schools

Parents and Students:

Even though the trip is behind us, the calendar continues to be very full this time of year! Below is information about the events that are happening in the next two weeks. I know that doing these events in person is new for most of the band so please email me if you have questions.

MNU Jazz Festival- Wednesday, April 6th

- The Nighthawks will be performing at the MNU jazz festival this Wednesday. I will send out a separate sheet with details on the day. They will eat lunch at East and then miss the rest of the afternoon. Our performance time is 1:00 p.m.
- Our performance uniform is all black. They should use their tux and wear a black button up dress shirt underneath it. We have been talking about it in class for quite a while, but if your child does not have a black shirt please let me know and I can try to help. Ladies can wear their concert dress or they can just wear all an all black shirt and slacks.

Regional Solo/Ensemble- Saturday April 9th at Olathe South

- Performance times were posted in the band room last week. I have also attached it to this email.
- Make sure you bring everything you need home with you Friday afterschool. I will be very busy and will not have time to come to East and let you in to the building to get your instrument or music.
- I am asking students to be on-site at Olathe South an hour before their scheduled performance time. Depending on the time of day, parking will be a challenge and then the fact that we have not done this event in person for two years and there will be a learning curve for most students makes an early arrival a good idea.
- Students should dress nice. Our concert uniforms are appropriate and that is what I am requiring for all the percussion ensembles that are performing.
- Students must have original copies for themselves, their piano accompanist, and the judge. If you use any photocopies you will not be allowed to perform.
- Warm-up is in the gym. It is not ideal as it is usually very loud in there but that is the only option. Please don't play in hallways or anywhere in the building as it could be distracting to students who are performing.
- You should check in with the door monitor (parent sitting outside the door of your performance room) about 10 minutes before you are scheduled to play. They will ask for your judges music when you check in. **Make sure you number the measure of the judges copy of the music.**
- When the judge is ready students should introduce themselves (name, grade level, school) and then introduce their accompanist. Make sure you tune to the piano before you start performing.
- Percussionists need to bring their own equipment and must make sure it is returned to the band **before** class the following Monday.
- It is up to you if you want visitors in the room when you perform. Either Mrs. Creek or myself will try to be at your performance. It is o.k. to tell us or even your parents that you don't want anyone in the room.
- Once you are finished performing wait outside the door and they will bring you your music after the judge is finished writing. It usually takes them at least an hour before they post results.
- Our Regional Solo/Ensemble festival is the largest in the State. Because of the sheer number of rooms needed and volunteers needed to run those rooms, every school is required to supply some parent help in order for this event to happen. We have not met our quota as a school yet so if you are available to help, they will make sure you can still watch your own child's performance. Here is the sign-up link <https://bit.ly/RegSEvolunteers2022>

Contest Prep Concert- Monday, April 11th at 7:00 p.m. in the East Auditorium

- Students will need to wear their concert tuxes and dresses. We will let students know a report time in class a little closer to the event. A reminder that the second half of this concert will feature a performance by the Washburn University Wind Ensemble.

State Large Group- Thursday, April 14th

- Times are not final yet but it looks like both of our groups will be during the school day. That is a half day of school, but the Concert/Symphonic band looks like it will be performing in the early afternoon. We will be sending out final plans for this day later this week. I could use a couple of parents to help with this event. Please email me if you are available.

Chipotle Fundraiser- Tuesday, April 19th

- Please mark your calendar for this date. We will send out a flyer closer to the event. It is a great way to help raise funds for the boosters.

Several more events coming up this month including: Pizza Jazz, Drum Major auditions, KCKCC Jazz Festival and State Solo and Ensemble. Check the band website for dates and I will be sending out information on all of those events in the next couple weeks.

Thanks,
Mr. Smikahl